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REFRACTORY METAL ALLOYS AND REFRACTORY METAL

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Group Art Unit: 1765

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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- Applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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